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Strengthening Old Tracks
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost per km. for strengthening existing old tracks in order to achieve an average speed of 160 kmph for passenger trains;
(b) the cost per km. for construction of new railway lines which can withstand an average speed of 160 kmph for passenger trains;
(c) whether the Government has any assessment on the difference in cost per km. for setting up track for a new bullet train and strengthening of existing tracks; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Cost per km for strengthening existing old tracks in order to achieve maximum speed of 160 kilometer per hour (kmph) for passenger trains varies according to existing condition of old tracks, terrain and other infrastructure requirements on different routes.

Similarly, cost per km for construction of new lines with speed potential of 160kmph for passenger trains is dependent on the geographical terrain, cost of land and other project specific features. Generalisation and comparison of such costs is not possible.
(c) & (d): Dedicated high speed rail (with speeds of 250-350kmph) and speed raising on existing mixed routes to 160/200kmph are different in nature and serve different needs and objectives and hence are not comparable.
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